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SUMMARY: FINAL LDP CLEARANCE ON NPT RATIFICATION BILL TO PERMIT CABINET TO SUBMIT BILL TO DIET LAST WEEK SNAGGED OVER NUCLEAR INTROCUTION AND EXTRANEOUS SE ASIA ISSUES. LDP AND GOJ MAKING ALL-OUT EFFORT TO OVERCOME SNAG PRIOR TO WEEK-LONG HOLIDAYS BEGINNING APRIL 26. END SUMMARY.

1. LDP APPEARED APRIL 22 TO HAVE OVERCOME ITS LAST OBSTACLE TO SUBMISSION OF NPT RATIFICATION BILL TO DIET. LDP RESEARCH COUNCILS ON SECURITY, ENERGY, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH HAD BEEN DEBATING THE BILL FOR TWO MONTHS, FINALLY APPROVED IT APRIL 22, BUT ATTACHED SIX CONDITIONS.
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ONE OF THESE CALLED FOR "FLEXIBLE" APPLICATION OF THE

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THIRD OF THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRICIPLES--BAN AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN. LDP PROPONENTS OF THIS CONDITION MAINTAIN THAT JAPAN NOW HAS TWO IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS ON INTROCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ON ONE HAND,
ITIS MAINTAINING A
TOTAL BAN ON INTRODUCTION. SINCE TAKING OFFICE,
PRIME MINISTER MIKI HAS MAINTAINED THAT JAPAN WOULD

ADHERE TO THIS PRINCIPLE UNDER ANY CONDITIONS. ON OTHER HAND, JAPAN, UNDER THE PRIOR CONSULTATION PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITY TREATY, IS LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY US REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EMERGENCIES. THE PROPONENTS STATE THAT JAPAN SHOULD MAKE UP ITS MIND NOW BY RECOGNIZING THE LATTER POSITION.

2. THIS SUBJECT BECAME FOCUS OF INTENSE DEBATE APRIL 23 AT HIGHER LEVELS OF LDP. THE LDP POLICY BOARD DECIDED THAT NPT RATIFICATION SHOULD NOT BE THE OCCASION FOR CLEARING UP THIS ISSUE, AND EXCISED THE CONDITION ON "FLEXIBLE" APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR INTRODUCTION FROM THE SIX CONDITIONS DEMANDED BY THE RESEARCH COUNCILS. AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LATER THAT DAY, HOWEVER, THE SAME DEBATE WAS REPEATED. IN ADDITION, A RIGHT-WING SEIRANKAI REPRE-SENTATIVE RAISED ISSUE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT US SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AND TAIWAN. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FINALLY DECIDED TO REFER THE MATTER TO THE THREE TOP LDP LEADERS FOR SOLUTION.

3. FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR KAZUHARA INFORMED US APRIL 24 THAT LDP LEADERS WILL HOLD NEXT MEETING APRIL 25, AT WHICH TIME FONMIN MIYAZAWA WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN GOJ POLICY. FONOFF IS PREPARING MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENT, AND KAZUHARA IS RELUCTANT TO PREDICT WHEN AND HOW SNAGS WILL BE OVERCOME FONOFF IS, HOWEVER, MAKING ALL-OUT EFFORT TO PROVIDE ANSWERS WHICH WILL GET RATIFICATION BILL TO DIET ASAP.
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4. COMMENT: WE ARE ALSO UNABLE PREDICT WHEN SNAGS WILL BE REMOVED. OUR SOURCES WITHIN LDP AND MASS MEDIA (E.G., NHK COMMENTATOR MASAMI OBATA) BLEIVE THAT LDP LEADERS WILL CLEAR THE BILL FOR SUBMISSION TO CABINET AND THENCE TO DIET FAIRLY SOON, BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DEBATE IS TO BE CONTINUED IN DIET COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

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